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ARSENAL TROUBLE

Said Maj. Blunt May Be Transferred to Restore Harmony With Labor.

HAS BEEN TOO MUCH FRICTION

Commandant's Technical Ability Not Questioned—The Machinists' Strike.

This morning's Chicago Record-Herald contains the following dispatch from Washington:

"A solution of the unsatisfactory conditions existing at Rock Island arsenal seems imminent. At the suggestion of President Roosevelt, Mr. O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists, prepared a statement of complaints urged against Maj. Blunt, commandant at the arsenal. These are being carefully considered, and it is probable that Maj. Blunt will be transferred shortly to another post to restore harmony. There has been no criticism of his technical efficiency, but his administrative ability is being seriously questioned. It is felt that as a disciplinarian he may have exceeded the limit and been too harsh in the measures he has proposed to advance the standard of the arsenal. President O'Connell, in the brief submitted to President Roosevelt, cited several instances in which it is claimed that his actions were guided solely by his prejudice against labor organizations.

Men Forbidden to Talk.

"Interest in congressional circles in the management of Rock Island arsenal has been recently revived by a protest brought to Washington by one of the employees (E. C. Berry) who relates unnecessary hardships which, he asserts, are being imposed upon the workmen in the arsenal by Maj. Blunt, among them being an order prohibiting the employees speaking to each other during working hours. This employee charges that Maj. Blunt is enforcing discipline more severely than is imposed upon enlisted men in the army and is extremely contemptuous in his treatment of the workmen. Senators Cullom and Allison have been examining this employee and investigating the complaints against Maj. Blunt, and both have given the employee reason to believe that Maj. Blunt will be transferred.

Too Much Friction.

"Both senators are said to take the view that Rock Island arsenal can be managed without too much friction, and that the workmen have some excuse for their complaints. It is not probable that a congressional investigation will be ordered. The employees want one, but it is to be hoped a satisfactory solution can be reached without incurring that expense. It is stated that the workmen intend to appeal to organized labor throughout the country to come to their assistance. It is understood to be the desire of those most interested to prevent Maj. Blunt's management of the arsenal being made a political question. Rather than excite the opposition of organized labor it is being urged that the service would not suffer by his transfer."

Further Reduction at Arsenal.

Maj. Blunt, when called upon this morning by an Argus reporter, declined to discuss the dispatch from Washington appearing above. However, as to working conditions at the arsenal, he said that it would be necessary within the next two months to reduce the machinist force one-third, and that by June 1 half of those of that trade now employed would be dismissed on account of lack of orders. There are 75 machinists at the arsenal, but whether they are union men or not he does not know; he states that it is a matter that concerns the men and not him. Just now tests are in progress on a new gun carriage. These gun carriages have been manufactured at Rock Island arsenal. The question whether to let the manufacturing out by contract or continue it at the arsenal is to be decided.

Story of the Strike.

Readers of the Argus generally are familiar with the labor troubles at Rock Island arsenal, which had their beginning three years ago, the direct cause of the strike of the machinists being the refusal of Commandant Blunt to receive a committee appointed by their number to present grievances they had with reference to wages, working regulations, etc. At first the men petitioned Maj. Blunt, according to the statement of E. C. Berry, who has been in Washington in the interest of the machinists (Mr. Berry is not now employed at the arsenal), but any apparent effect so far as advancing the cause of the petitioners, who were informed that their requests had been referred to higher authorities for decision. A still earlier move by the machinists that seemed to widen the breach between the men and the commanding officer was the sending to Washington of John Hammerstrom, an arsenal machinist, to see President McKinley and protest against a new wage readjustment at the Rock Island shops. His mission was successful, but Mr. Berry states it was only a short time after Mr. Hammerstrom returned from the capital that he lost his position at the arsenal. His reinstatement was

petitioned for by his fellow employees, but without avail.

The strike occurred April 4, 1899, 140 machinists leaving their places. Maj. J. H. Russell was ordered here from Washington to investigate the difficulty, but the machinists did not like the manner in which he was proceeding and refused to offer further testimony. The matter was finally laid before the secretary of war, and his order was that the old men should be reinstated as machinists were needed at the arsenal, without discrimination on account of the part they had played in the strike. Mr. Berry avers that today there is not a union machinist employed at the arsenal, that the 51 who were taken back after the settlement of the strike were discharged 30 days later.

PEOPLE UP IN ARMS

Over Quartering of Black Maria in Residence District—Smallpox Situation.

An exceedingly careless caper is about to be undertaken by the municipal administration in the handling of smallpox cases. Following the use of the city ambulance for the conveyance of patients, which was only abandoned when public sentiment asserted itself, comes a new announcement. This is to the effect that the Black Maria is to be quartered in the abandoned hose house on Twenty-sixth street in the residence part of town. The announcement of this purpose has already caused a storm of indignation in that neighborhood.

The Tri-City Railway company today announced a very commendable line of policy with respect to the disinfection of cars in an effort to prevent the spread of smallpox. Hereafter the cars used on all lines running into the city, including those on the bridge line, will be thoroughly fumigated each night till the danger of infection has passed.

There were no additions to the list of patients today and no suspected cases were reported to the health department. Nothing but improvement was marked in the cases under treatment.

S. J. Stader, proprietor of the barber shop on Fifth avenue at the foot of Elm street, desires to have corrected an erroneous impression that appears to have gotten abroad concerning the connection of his place of business with the smallpox quarantine which has been established at the Solomon home in the immediate neighborhood. He states that the patient has never patronized his shop and that the fumigation of the place was done as the last possible precautionary measure. All the members of Mr. Stader's family have been vaccinated.

REPAIRING OF MILAN BRIDGES TO BEGIN MONDAY

The car load of I-beams for the repairing of the Milan bridges, which the city ordered from the Illinois Steel company, arrived and was unloaded today. It is expected that W. J. Pugh, of Davenport, who has been engaged to put in the new parts, will begin the work next Monday and will have it completed in a couple of weeks. While the work is in progress of course the bridges will be more or less out of use. If it can be done before the ice goes out teams will be enabled to cross without interruption by the natural bridge and the construction work will be considerably facilitated as well.

There is good reason why the work should be pushed with all possible speed, for if the trusses under the main bridge are allowed to remain where they are till the ice goes out the result will most likely be that they will be carried away and the structure be tipped into the water. An occurrence of this kind would not only prove very expensive, but it would cut off travel for a long time and further liability might be incurred through damages to the railroad bridge below should high water happen to carry the wagon bridge down against it.

PERSONAL POINTS

Warren H. Rock left last night for New York on a business trip. Lieut. Gov. and Mrs. Northcott arrived from Springfield last evening. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Palmer have gone on a visit to Shellsburg, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Larkin left last night to spend a few weeks at Hot Springs, Ark.

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN BASEBALL SEASON PLANS

The meeting that was held last evening by the directors of the Rock Island Baseball association did not result in the transaction of any business, but it brought out the sentiment of those most closely interested in the national game in regard to the season, which has begun to warm up. The whole situation was gone over very thoroughly in informal discussion. There was a unanimous feeling manifested that Rock Island is to be congratulated upon the season's outlook, both as regards the team that has been selected by Manager Donnelly and the spirit shown by the general public in the matter. Another meeting of the directors will be held Saturday evening.

MEETING NEAR END

Woodmen Clerks Winding Up Their First Annual Convention.

LANDIS ON RATE ADJUSTMENT

Law of the Society by John Clare--Social Evening for Visitors.

The Woodmen clerks this morning first took up the consideration of "The Camp Clerk's Relation to the Head Office and the Head Clerk—How They Should Cooperate." A paper on this subject prepared by J. A. Love, of Beloit, Wis., was read by Secretary Copeland. Then Ab Landis took the floor and spoke for an hour, completing the line of argument in regard to the rate readjustment question that he had begun at a former session. Following this a paper prepared by John Clare, of Joliet, was read by the secretary on "The Law of the Society vs. the Camp's Clerk's Discretion." J. W. Houlder, member of the law committee of the order, led in the discussion, and when he had finished his address he was made the target for a number of questions. At noon but three or four topics remained to be handled and it was decided to make an effort to get through with them before evening. One of the important matters to come up this afternoon was the report of the committee on resolutions, which had previously been unprepared to be heard. A large portion of the visitors left for home this morning and during the day, those living at a great distance desiring to be home before the end of the week.

Yesterday afternoon the Woodmen clerks adopted the report presented by the committee on suspensions and safety funds, recommending that each camp should set aside a safety fund to apply on the dues of members who have begun to lapse, thus providing against a portion of the suspensions. Another recommendation was that the clerks be given a sufficient remuneration to enable them to look more closely after the individual members of their camps, using personal persuasion if necessary to prevent lapsations.

Evening of Entertainment. Probably the history of Woodcraft in Rock Island does not include the annals of a more pleasant occasion than that of last evening, when a smoker was given at Woodmen hall for the entertainment of the visiting clerks. Besides the visitors there were present all the head officers and many of the local Woodmen, and the hall was well filled. The affair was of the most informal sort. Among the different numbers given were the exemplification of work in the beneficiary degree by the team of Camp 26, in command of Capt. S. R. Davis, addresses by the head officers, including Head Consul Northcott, fire club swinging by Capt. Davis, and impromptu songs and stories. Russell Hampton's violin, mandolin and guitar quartette was on hand and gave a number of selections. Cigars and refreshments were passed. The interest in the secret work was so intense that the degree team was recalled late in the evening for further exemplification and the meeting did not break up till 1 in the morning.

MRS. IVAN SWAIN GIVES UP LONE FIGHT IN CHICAGO

The following, appearing in last evening's Chicago American, will be read with sincere sorrow by the lady's many friends in Rock Island: "After a long up-hill struggle to support herself and her two little boys, Mrs. Ivan Swain, a widow, who has been conducting a little lodging house at 1259 Michigan avenue, has given up the fight. "Next week her furniture and household goods will be sold under mortgage, her two boys will be sent to the Home for the Friendless and she will be left without shelter or means of support. "Five years ago Mrs. Swain, her husband and two sons were living in comfort and plenty in Rock Island, Ill. A year later Swain died and Mrs. Swain and her children came to Chicago. Mrs. Swain put all her money into the lodging house. She was not used to the work, however, and did not succeed. She mortgaged her furniture and now she must let it go to satisfy her creditors. "Her husband was a member in good standing of Camp No. 1350 of the Modern Woodmen of America."

School Districts Numbered. County Superintendent S. J. Ferguson has issued a circular in accordance with the requirements of the law, setting forth the manner in which the numbering of the school districts of the county has been done and giving the numbers assigned to each district. The numbering was begun at the upper end of the county and concluded with Dury township. The highest number assigned to a district wholly in the county is 101. The numbers will greatly simplify the making out of records and reports, as they do away with the naming of the township and range as in the past.

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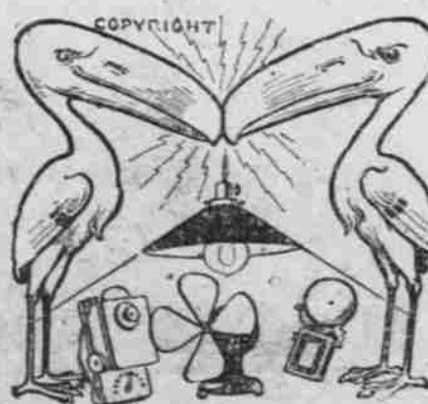


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